

## APPROPRIATIONS FOR SUNDRY CIVIL EXPENSES FOR 1883.

JUNE 26, 1882.—Recommitted to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

Mr. HISCOCK, from the Committee on Appropriations, submitted the following

### REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 6675.]

In presenting to the House the bill making appropriations for the sundry civil expenses of the government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1883, the Committee on Appropriations herewith submit the following report:

The estimates upon which the bill is based will be found on pp. 25, 36, 121 to 130, and 151 to 193 of the Book of Estimates for 1883. These estimates amount to \$26,410,657, in addition to which other estimates from the departments and other sources have been referred to the committee, since the Book of Estimates was printed, amounting to \$7,500,000.

Certain of the estimates heretofore provided for in the legislative, executive, and judicial bill are now embraced in this bill, viz: Those for "dies, paper, and stamps," and "detecting and bringing to trial counterfeiters" (appropriations for Internal Revenue Department); also, "freight on bullion and coin," and "contingent expenses of the Independent Treasury"; these aggregate \$670,000. On the other hand, certain estimates providing for clerical and other employes, amounting to \$255,336, formerly considered with this bill, have been transferred to the legislative bill.

The estimates for public buildings are unusually large, consequent upon the great number of new buildings granted by this Congress; upon these the committee have recommended in almost every case 50 per centum of the legal limit of cost for site and building fixed by the law authorizing them.

For the public printing an unusual amount has been recommended, as compared with the original amounts reported of late, but not so much, by \$65,000, as the sum appropriated for this purpose for the year 1882, which, including deficiencies, amounted to \$2,565,000. The appropriation for 1883 is guarded by a proviso to prevent possibility of a deficiency, and the amount recommended is made accordingly.

The appropriations for the Life-Saving Service under the new law of May 4, 1882, and new estimates, are somewhat increased in the provision for the year 1883.

The recommendation for the Signal Service, observation and report of storms, is reduced from the standard of previous years. By reference to the correspondence in the appendix to this report the reason will be shown. The committee examined this subject with very great thoroughness, and have endeavored by conditions and proviso attached

In view of the facts above presented I would, therefore, respectfully recommend that Congress be at once asked to increase the estimate for "paving roadways to north front of Executive Mansion" from \$8,000 to \$10,000.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

A. F. ROCKWELL,  
Colonel, U. S. Army, in Charge.

Brig. Gen. H. G. WRIGHT,  
Chief of Engineers, U. S. A., Washington, D. C.

[First indorsement.]

OFFICE CHIEF OF ENGINEERS, UNITED STATES ARMY,  
March 10, 1882.

Copy respectfully submitted to the honorable the Secretary of War, with recommendation that the matter be brought to the attention of the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

H. G. WRIGHT,  
Chief of Engineers, Brig. & Bvt. Maj. Gen.

Colonel Rockwell's letter, requesting that his estimate for "paving roadways to north front of Executive Mansion," be increased from \$8,000 to \$10,000, was sent by him to the Chief of Engineers, United States Army, March 8, 1882;

Was forwarded by Chief of Engineers to Secretary of War, March 10, 1882; and

Was forwarded by Secretary of War to Hon. Frank Hiscock, chairman of Committee on Appropriations, House of Representatives, March 15, 1882.

OFFICE OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS,  
Washington, D. C., May 5, 1882.

SIR: Upon my assuming charge of this office on April 1, 1881, relieving Col. Thos. L. Casey of the same, the accommodations as to office rooms in the old building of the Navy Department were found to be inadequate, and I was therefore allowed, through the courtesy of the Quartermaster's Department, to occupy the upper portion of the premises No. 1700 Pennsylvania avenue. An annual rental of \$900 has been for the past year, and is now, paid for these premises by that department, and, as the larger and most desirable rooms are occupied in the transaction of the business of Public Buildings and Grounds, it would seem proper that this office should pay a proportionate part of the rental, and I have, therefore, the honor to recommend that an appropriation of \$600 be made for the coming fiscal year for "Rent of Office Public Buildings and Grounds." The granting of this item would not necessarily imply an increase in the annual appropriations, as a deduction in the same amount can be made in the appropriations for the Quartermaster's Department, the result simply being the transfer of the payment from one department of the government to another.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

A. F. ROCKWELL,  
Colonel, United States Army, in charge.

Hon. FRANK HISCOCK,  
Chairman Committee on Appropriations, House of Representatives.

WAR DEPARTMENT,  
Washington City, December 7, 1881.

The Secretary of War has the honor to transmit to the House of Representatives, for the consideration of the Committee on Appropriations, plans and estimates for proposed new buildings at Fort Apache, Arizona Territory, which it is estimated will cost \$13,928.44.

The commanding officer of the post forwards the papers with the following remarks:

"The officers' quarters here now are nothing but log huts, except the commanding officer's, which is a frame shell.

"This post is very important, being well located in the midst of this large Indian reservation. It is, I think, as likely to be permanent as any post I know of, and should be made comfortable and complete."

The papers are approved by the department and division commanders, and the Quartermaster-General, in submitting the plans, remarks that "the experience of the present season shows that Arizona still needs military protection, and that it will probably continue to need it for some time hereafter."

The amount asked for is too large to be met from the allotment to the Military Division of the Pacific, and, therefore, a special appropriation of the amount estimated is respectfully recommended.

ROBERT T. LINCOLN,  
*Secretary of War.*

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WEST POINT,  
UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY,  
*West Point, N. Y., May 23, 1882.*

MY DEAR SIR: As you requested through my aide, Captain Sladen, I write you to remind you of the deficiency estimate for our cadet hospital.

It is a real deficiency. The heating apparatus, indeed, was not estimated for at all; still, taken as a whole, the amount needed for the completion of this costly structure is, in my judgment, classed as a deficiency, for the last year's estimate was insufficient. It will cost more in future and be a great disappointment and inconvenience to us to have this item thrown out. If it were worth while to build a hospital at large expense, and almost finish it, certainly there is every reason for carrying it on to completion. It cannot be used as it now is. The heating apparatus, according to the plan, is absolutely essential.

Relying upon your good judgment, I leave the subject with you.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

O. O. HOWARD,  
*Brigadier-General, Commanding.*

Hon. FRANK HISCOCK.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
*Washington, May 26, 1882.*

SIR: In reply to your letter of the 19th instant requesting certain information in regard to the Census Bureau, I have the honor to transmit herewith certain communications received to-day from the superintendent, which will be found to contain a detailed statement of the matters, concerning which your inquiries were made.

Very respectfully,

H. M. TELLER,  
*Secretary.*

Hon. FRANK HISCOCK,  
*Chairman Committee on Appropriations, House of Representatives.*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, CENSUS OFFICE,  
*Washington, D. C., May 26, 1882.*

SIR: I have the honor to be in receipt, by your reference under date of the 20th instant, of a letter addressed you upon the 19th instant, by the Hon. Frank Hiscock, Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, House of Representatives, and in compliance with your request for a report upon the matters contained in said letter (which is herewith returned) I beg leave to submit the following:

I. The expenditures and liabilities of this office on account of the Tenth Census, up to the first of May, are shown in detail, as requested, in the accompanying table (Exhibit A).

II. The "pay-roll force of the Washington office, classified by the amount of salaries paid," is shown in a second table (Exhibit B).

III. The required list of special agents and their assistants is given in a third table (Exhibit C), in which are also shown the rates of their compensation, as well as the full amount paid and payable on account of the salaries and expenses of this branch of the service, for the month of April last.

IV. With reference to the request to be informed of the present state of the work of the Bureau as regards completion, with an estimate of the necessary expenses of the office for the next fiscal year, I would say that after a very careful study of every detail of this question, I judge that to complete in a satisfactory manner during the next fiscal year, the compilation of the statistics, and the preparation of the full report upon the census of 1880, the following expenditures will be necessary, viz:

For salaries and expenses of the special agents and their assistants.....	\$25,000
For pay-roll of the Washington office .....	100,000